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In re:

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DECISION ON REQUEST

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UNDER 37 CFR 5.25

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Title: NETTING CHUTE FOR MANUAL AND/OR AUTOMATED CLIPPING

PACKAGING APPARATUS

In view of the communication(s) filed 01 April 2004 it has been determined that a retroactive license for foreign filing under 35 U.S.C. 184 be granted with respect to the filings listed below. The petition complies with 37 C.F.R. 5.25 in that there is an adequate showing that the subject matter in question was not under secrecy order, that the license was diligently sought after discovery of the proscribed foreign filing, and that the material was filed abroad without the required license under 37 C.F.R. 5.11 first having been obtained through error and without deceptive intent.

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